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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase mental health inpatient bed capacity by 50-beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The cost of a standard Mental Health inpatient bed is €190k per year. This is based on average across all Mental Health units and figures are taken from the Mental Health system of Health accounts. 50 additional beds would equate to an annual additional revenue cost of €9.5m. It should be noted that this is purely the day to day revenue cost and does not include any capital costs required to build a new 50 bed unit.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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